

## Blair Athol Mine

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Blair Athol Mine, located 20 km north west of Clermont in central Queensland, supplies customers in Asia and Europe with up to 12 million tonnes of thermal coal per annum.

The coal deposit was originally discovered on the site in 1864 and was first mined in 1890. Between 1920 and 1945 coal was mined with an underground method, which is still visible today. The current open cut operation started in 1984.

Blair Athol Mine is due to close in 2016 when its reserves are completely mined out. Its stockpile and train facilities will be used by the [Clermont Mine](#), currently under construction.

Rio Tinto Coal Australia manages the operation on behalf of the joint venture partners - Queensland Coal Pty Limited (57.2 per cent), Leichhardt Coal Pty Limited (31.4 per cent), J-Power Australia Pty. Ltd. (8 per cent) and J.C.D Australia Pty. Ltd. (3.4 per cent).